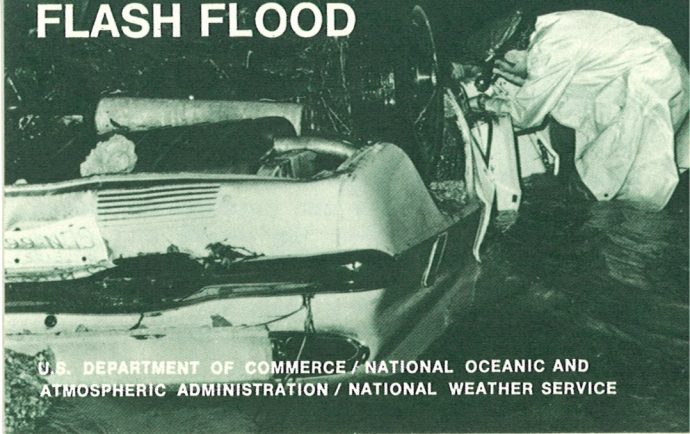


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In mountainous regions flash floods can strike with little or no warning. Distant rain may be channeled into gullies and ravines, turning a quiet streamside campsite into a rampaging torrent in minutes. Observe these flash flood safety rules. They could save your life!

- Keep alert for signs of rain (thunder and lightning), both where you are and upstream.
- Be especially cautious at night. It's harder to recognize the danger then.
- Know where high ground is and how to get there quickly.
- Watch for rising water levels.
- Don't try to outrace a flood on foot. If you see or hear it coming move to higher ground as fast as you can.
- Don't try to drive through flooded areas.
- Abandon your vehicle if water begins to rise over the road, and head for higher ground immediately.

During threatening weather listen to commercial radio or TV, or NOAA Weather Radio for Watch and Warning Bulletins.

**Flash Flood Watch** means it is possible that rains will cause flash flooding in the specified area. Be alert and prepared for a flood emergency.

**Flash Flood Warning** means flash flooding is occurring or is imminent in the specified area. Move to safe ground immediately.

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